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Background Note: The Academy of Medicine of Washington, District of Columbia, Incorporated was organized in 1935 “for the advancement of the science and art of medicine and to promote the mutual exchange of knowledge between medical and other scientific groups.” Membership was specified as limited to those who “shall be interested in Medicine and the Para-medical sciences and shall have made contributions to advancement in these fields.” (The Constitution, Articles II and III) The idea of an Academy of Medicine for the Washington area was conceived by Earl Baldwin McKinley, Dean of the George Washington University School of Medicine. Dr. McKinley enlisted the interest of others, and by his energy and enthusiasm brought the idea to fruition. He is recognized as the founder of the Academy. A certificate of incorporation was issued in February 1935 by the Superintendent of Corporations of the District of Columbia. Early meetings were held in the Board Room of the Cosmos Club, and included discussions of subjects like “High Voltage Particles and Radiation” and “Reaction of the Individual to Factors in His Social Environment with Special Reference to the Diagnosis and Treatment of Illness.”

Series/Scope and Content Note: The Academy of Medicine is unique in that its membership consists of individuals with widely diversified backgrounds. The directories in this collection reflect that diversity, with members working in basic medical sciences, internists, surgeons, specialists, dentists, and veterinarians. Membership has included leaders in the fields of medicine and para-medical sciences in the DC area. Each membership directory contains the following sections: 1) Officers and Former Officers; 2) Charter Members; 3) History; 4) Constitution and By Laws; and 5) Member Lists with background and contact information.



BOX AND CONTENT LIST

Box 001:

1. Academy of Medicine of Washington DC Membership Directory (1978)
2. Academy of Medicine of Washington DC Membership Directory (1999)
3. Academy of Medicine of Washington DC Membership Directory (2002)
4. Academy of Medicine of Washington DC Membership Directory (2005)
 - The 2005 Membership Directory was the first electronic version of the directory produced, and included an index listing members by expertise along with another listing members by their affiliations with one of the four medical schools in the Washington DC area. A PDF copy of this 2005 electronic version is include here on CD.